

Nixon Invites Publishers To Briefing on Indochina

President Nixon has invited a large group of newspaper publishers and television executives to a briefing today in San Clemente, Calif., on the situation in Southwest Asia.

The briefing will take place at the Western White House by White House and State and Defense Department officials.

Paul Costello, assistant director of communications, said that "it will be a cross-section, with a geographical balance."

"I think there may be a few more from California," he said.

"It is my understanding," Costello said, "that The Washington Post and The New York Times were not invited."

Asked why, Costello said an attempt was made to get "a balance between newspapers around the country. But I can't give you a reason why

one might be selected and another not."

He said that "The Boston Globe and the Los Angeles Times were invited and both have not supported administration policy in Vietnam."

In New York, the Daily News was invited, as was The Washington Evening Star here. In Chicago, both the Sun-Times and the Tribune were invited.

Costello declined to give a full list of those invited, but it was learned that among others invited were The Dallas Morning News and the Dallas Times-Herald, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Philadelphia Bulletin, the Houston Post and The Baltimore Sun.

Representatives of the three major television networks also were invited.

The President's final report on the Cambodian operation is expected to be made from San Clemente next week.